

State Fair Fish Processed by PEN Products and Delivered to Food Bank

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Pendleton, IN (September 11, 2007)-PEN Products, a division of the Indiana Department of Correction, teamed up with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to contribute to Feed Indiana's Hungry (FIsh). FIsh is an initiative of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman's office to feed the hungry in Indiana.

The Department of Natural Resources delivered over 1000 live fish to PEN after they had been a part of the DNR's Education Center at the Indiana State Fair. PEN's food industries at the Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton processed the fish into frozen fillets in 1½ lb packages. "By processing the DNR fish from the Fair and working in the food processing plant, offenders at PEN Products learn marketable skills that will help them re-enter the community," said Mike Herron, Director of PEN Products.

PEN Products food processing plant delivered the frozen fish fillets to Gleaner's Food Bank in Indianapolis. Commissioner J. David Donahue stated, "The fish delivered to the food pantry is just one example of state agencies working together for the citizens of Indiana."

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ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.